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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: Enrolled Hospitals – Chief Executive Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Patient Accounts Managers and Utilization Review Departments

RE: Peer Review Organization – HealthSystems of Illinois

Effective June 18, 2002, the Department executed a contract with HealthSystems of Illinois (HSI), a federally designated Peer Review Organization (PRO), to perform quality assurance and fee-for-service utilization reviews in the inpatient hospital setting.

Review Activity: HSI will begin Certification of Admission/Concurrent/Continued Stay and Retrospective Prepayment Reviews of inpatient hospitalizations in September 2002. In addition, HSI will perform Retrospective Postpayment Reviews on specific categories (codes) randomly selected on a quarterly basis. Hospitals will be notified, in writing, of the codes subject to review at least thirty (30) days in advance of the beginning of the review activity.

Provider Workshops: Provider workshops will be scheduled during the month of August 2002 and early September 2002 to introduce HSI and Department staff and to explain the review process. **All hospitals should have utilization review staff attend one of the workshops.**

This is an Informational Notice only and requires no action on your part. In July 2002, HSI will mail an information packet containing HSI contact information, workshop schedule and a Provider Contact Request for hospitals to complete.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Bureau of Contract Management at (217) 524-7478.

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